

Amite River and Tributaries Bayou Manchac Study



• **Study Status:** Feasibility phase is ongoing.

• **Study Cost:**

Recon	\$ 25,000
Feas (Fed/Non-Fed)	<u>\$4,443,000</u>
	\$4,468,000

• **FY06 Budget:** \$0

• **FY06 Funds Required:**
\$550,000



Project Fact Sheet

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Amite River and Tributaries, Bayou Manchac, Louisiana

STUDY AUTHORITY: SR, 14 April 1967 and HR 23 July 1998. The Amite River and Tributaries reconnaissance report was completed in November 1984 and indicated there was potential for federal involvement in further studies.

STUDY SPONSOR: The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was executed on November 29, 2001, with the Pontchartrain Levee District.

STUDY LOCATION: The project area includes the entire Bayou Manchac Watershed, which is located in portions of Ascension, East Baton Rouge and Iberville Parishes.

STUDY PURPOSE: The study purpose is to determine the feasibility of providing flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration in the watershed.

STUDY FEATURES/STATUS: This area experienced heavy flooding during tropical storm Allison in May and June of 2001. Flood storage areas were filled to capacity for some time after the rain event, which led to some environmental loss and increased risk of flood damages. This project is a multipurpose project to provide ecosystem restoration and flood-damage reduction. Likely multipurpose structures and features can be designed to allow for ecosystem restoration for most of the time, then used for stage reduction during a flood event. There is considerable public interest in both objectives. The first level of screening of alternatives was completed by September 2002.

STUDY COST:

Total Estimated Study Cost	\$4,468,000
Reconnaissance Phase	25,000
Feasibility Phase (Federal)	\$2,221,500
Feasibility Phase (Non-Federal)	\$2,221,500

STUDY BUDGET/SCHEDULE: FY 2005 funds of \$79,000 are being used to continue the feasibility study. Completion of the feasibility study is delayed because of inadequate funding.

ISSUES: The study is unbudgeted in FY 2006; however, FY 2006 funds of \$550,000 could be used to continue feasibility efforts.